

Year 1 Newsletter

September 2025



Whole school reminders

Birthdays

We love to celebrate birthdays! Each child will be celebrated in a birthday assembly around the time of their special day. Please note, however, that we kindly ask families not to send in sweets, cakes, or other treats for the class. Anything sent in will be sent back home in order to be fair to all children.

Fruit Snacks and Water

From Year 3 onwards, children no longer receive free fruit in school. You are very welcome to send in fruit for a healthy break-time snack, but please remember no other snacks or treats—these will be sent home if they are brought in. All children in all year groups should bring a water bottle to school every day.

Email and Phone Communication

To streamline communication and protect teacher wellbeing, all emails should now be sent to our admin email address, clearly marked FAO [Teacher's Name]. These will then be forwarded on.

Please don't expect an instant reply—teachers will respond when they are able, but this may sometimes take a few working days. If anything is urgent, please call or email the school office directly. Likewise, teachers and senior leaders are not always instantly available for a telephone conversation but if you call the school office, you will receive a call back when we are free. This is particularly important to understand as our pupil numbers grow. We appreciate your respect and compliance with this request.

Morning Routine

Our school gates open at 8:20am, and it would be fantastic to see all children arriving promptly at this time. Morning challenges run from 8:20–8:30am, and assemblies will begin promptly after the register at 8:30am. For this first week only, all parents / carers are invited to bring their child to the classroom doors. From next week, EYFS and Y1 will continue with this routine and Y2 and Y3 can be dropped at the gate where staff will be on duty to support. Parents continue to be invited in to classrooms on a Monday morning to read with their child. This will start on Monday 8th September for Years 1-3 and 15th September for EYFS.

Collection Arrangements

Parents / carers should continue to collect from classroom doors at home time. Staff will be present if you are not sure where to go so please do ask if you need any help. For safeguarding, please ensure that anyone collecting your child is on your pickup list with the school office. Alternatively, they must know the agreed password and we must be aware of who is collecting. Without this information, teachers cannot release children and will need to contact you for confirmation.

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Overview of learning for Summer 1

English

We are looking at a brand new story in English. The book hasn't yet been revealed to the children so it will be kept a secret for now! But beware of someone coming to visit from another planet... We will have many opportunities to read, write and explore the text.

Phonics

Phonics will begin next week. We are looking forward to starting again and making lots of wonderful progress in our reading and writing.

Please continue to read with your children at home, it has such a positive impact on your child/ren's progress.

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be looking at a range of topics including:

- Positional language including ordinal numbers
- Number and place value - Numbers to 10
- Addition and subtraction

Other Topics

Science - The Human Body

History - Discovering History (the past)

PSHE - What is the same and what is different about us?

RE - Christianity

PE - Fitness and Yoga

Computing - Technology around us

Things to Remember

PE Days - Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child attends school in their PE kit.

Library - The children will visit the library on a Thursday.

Monday Morning Reading - Thank you to the parents who have already attended these sessions in EYFS. It would be lovely to see you all on a Monday morning in Year 1 too. The children would love to read with you!

Reading books and Library books - Your child will collect a Library book this week to bring home. Reading books will come home from next week when we start our Phonics lessons.

